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DAY 1 – November 6th, 2026

10:00	WELCOME			
10:30	CHALLENGES IN MITRAL SURGERY Case-based - Giove	ABSTRACTS - OP1 Abstracts - Giunone 1	ECMO Perfusionists - Giunone 2	
12:00	Lunch Session: New Technologies #1 Giove	ABSTRACTS - OP2 Abstracts - Giunone 1	ECMO Perfusionists - Giunone 2	
13:00	TRANS-CATETERE Arena - Giove	HOT TOPICS IN AORTIC ARCH SURGERY Giunone 1	ECMO Perfusionists - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
14:30	MEETING THE LEADERS: EMILE A. BACHA			
15:00	ERAS (Joint Session with ITACTAIC) Focus - Giove	VAD Giunone 1	ABSTRACT GIROC Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
16:30	EXIBITION AREA / POSTER CORNER #1			
17:00	MONSTER CASES Case-based - Giove	HOW TO WRITE A PAPER Focus - Giunone 1	VIDEO-ABSTRACTS Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
18:30	HAPPY HOUR: TERUMO			
19:30				

DAY 2 – November 7th, 2026

08:00	AORTA SURGERY - HOT QUESTIONS Arena - Giove	RESIDENT'S TEACHING BOARD OF FULL PROFESSORS Giunone 1	ECC Perfusionists - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
09:30	VALVOLA AORTICA Arena - Giove	ABSTRACTS - OP3 Giunone 1	ECC Perfusionists - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
11:00	GUEST LECTURE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS - SICCH AWARDS - PRESENTAZIONE DATABASE Giove			
13:00	Lunch Session: JOHNSON & JOHNSON Giove			
14:00	SCOMPENSO CARDIACO (+ANMCO) Focus - Giove	AIDOCCH Giunone 1	Nursing - PITCH COFFEE Nurses - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
15:30		ENDOCARDITI Giunone 1	Nursing - PITCH COFFEE Nurses - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
17:00	UPDATES ON GUIDELINES Focus - Giove	NEW TECHNOLOGIES Giunone 1	Nursing - PITCH COFFEE Nurses - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL Mercurio
18:30	HAPPY HOUR: EDWARDS Giove			
19:30				

DAY 3 – November 8th, 2026



DAY 1

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

WELCOME TO SICCH 2026

ROOM: GIOVE

10.00-10.30

MODERATORS: Michele Pilato, Palermo. Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Fabio Barili, Milano.

Michele Di Mauro, Foggia.

CHALLENGES IN MITRAL VALVE SURGERY

ROOM: GIOVE

10.30-12.00

MODERATOR: **Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Giuseppe Speziale, Bari.**

ROUND TABLE MEMBERS: **Marco Di Eusanio, Ancona. Francesco Patanè, Messina. Marco Solinas, Massa. Lucia Torracca, Milano. Amedeo Anselmi, Rennes.**

1. Re-repairing the mitral valve: when and how.

10.30-10.40 | Clinical case. **Stefano Salizzoni, Torino.**

10.40-10.50 | Discussion with Audience

2. MAC during mitral valve surgery: how to deal with it.

10.50-11.00 | Clinical case. **Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze.**

11.00-11.10 | Discussion with Audience

3. Functional mitral regurgitation. Still space for surgery?

11.10-11.20 | Clinical case. **Khalil Fattouch, Palermo.**

11.20-11.30 | Discussion with Audience

4. MV repair for endocarditis.

11.30-11.40 | Clinical case. **Giandomenico Cresce, Vicenza.**

11.40-11.45 | Discussion with Audience

11.45-12.00 | SPONSOR SPEECH (EDWARDS LIFESCIENCE)

ABSTRACTS

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

10.30-12.00

MODERATORS: Giovanni Marchetto, Monza. Germano Di Credico, Legnano.

PANELISTS: Edoardo Zancanaro, Milano. Fabrizio Ceresa, Messina.

PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION IN THE ADULT PATIENT.

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

10.30-12.00

MODERATORS: **Antonella Degani**

PANELISTS: TBD

10.30-10.45 | La chirurgia mini-invasiva. **Carlo Zingaro, Ancona.**

10.45-11.00 | Ergonomia nella CEC mininvasiva. **Francesca Mazzocca, Ancona.**

11.00-11.15 | Tailorizzazione della Circolazione Extracorporea. **Rita Di Fraia, Napoli.**

11.15-11.30 | Protezione cerebrale. **TBD**

11.30-12.00 | Discussion.

LUNCH SESSION. ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGIES.

ROOM: GIOVE

12.00-13.00

MODERATORS: Piersilvio Gerometta, Bergamo. Giorgia Bonalumi, Milano.

TELEFLEX (1 speech): Contropulsazione aortica nel paziente adulto. Ha ancora senso?

LEVIBIOTECH (1 speech ROSS)

APTIVA MEDICA (1 speech)

LIVANOVA (1 speech LEONELLI)

ABSTRACTS – RAPID FIRES

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

12.00-13.00

MODERATORS: Giuseppe Nasso, Bari. Andrea Audo, Alessandria.

PANELISTS: Andrea Montalto, Caserta. Emad Al Jaber, Milano.

**PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION IN
PEDIATRIC PATIENTS**

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

12.00-13.00

MODERATOR: Federica Zanzico

12.00-12.15 | Monitoraggio in linea ed indici di perfusione durante CEC pediatrica. **Rocco Tabbì, Verona.**

12.15-12.30 | Neuromonitoraggio durante chirurgia dell'Arco Aortico. **Giulia Bravetti, Roma.**

12.30-12.45 | Trapianto bipolmonare in età pediatrica. **Davide Ghitti, Bergamo.**

12.45-13.00 | Discussion.

CHALLENGING CASES IN TRANS-CATETHER APPROACH

ROOM: GIOVE

13.00-14.30

13.00-13.10 | Introduction. A surgeon-only trans-catheter program for structural valve disease. **Filippo Capestro, Ancona.**

THE AORTIC VALVE: BEYOND TAVI

Moderator: **Francesco Pollari, Erlangen.**

Speaker: **Marialisa Nesta, Bari.**

13:10–13:15 | Scenarios.

Case 1. The asymmetric bicuspid valve.

Case 2. Pure aortic regurgitation.

Case 3. Failed surgical bioprosthesis.

13:15–13:30 | Discussion. Experts **Panel: Antonio Messina, Brescia. Edoardo Zingarelli, Torino. Marco Moscarelli, Palermo. Guido Gelpi, Milano. Stefano Salizzoni, Torino. Filippo Capestro, Ancona.**

M-TEER: CLIP OR SKIP? The anatomy drives: who is an ideal candidate and who should go to surgery?

Moderator: **Francesco Maisano, Milano.**

Speaker: **Matteo Saccocci, Brescia.**

13:30–13:35 | Scenarios.

Case 1. The perfect clip.

Case 2. The nightmare anatomy.

Case 3. Secondary MR.

13:35–13:50 | Discussion. Experts Panel: **Paola Spatuzza, San Giovanni Rotondo. Alfredo Cerillo, Firenze. Emmanuel Villa, Brescia.**

THE TRICUSPID REVOLUTION

Moderator: **Michele Di Mauro, Foggia.**

Speaker: **Marco Russo, Roma.**

13:50–13:55 | Scenarios.

13:55–14:10 | Discussion. Experts Panel: **Antonio Cammardella, Roma. Mauro Cassese, San Giovanni Rotondo. Maurizio Taramasso, Zurigo. Nicola Buzzati, Milano.**

14:10–14:30 | Sponsor Speech (ABBOTT; IN ATTESA)

HOT TOPICS IN AORTIC ARCH SURGERY: TAILORING THE STRATEGY TO THE PATIENT.

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

13.00-14.30

MODERATORS: Pasquale Mastroberto, Catanzaro. Marcello Bergonzini, Perugia. Massimo Chello, Roma

PANELISTS: Fabrizio Settepani, Milano. Guido Gelpi, Milano.

13:00 - 13:10 | Redo Aortic Arch Surgery: Technical Challenges and Risk Reduction. Carlo De Vincentiis, S. Donato M.se.

13:10 - 13:20 | Managing Mega Aorta Syndrome: Surgical Strategy for Extensive Aortic Disease. Andrea Agostinelli, Parma.

13:20 - 13:30 | The Elderly and High-Risk Patient: Open, Hybrid or Endovascular? Augusto D'Onofrio, Roma.

13:30 - 13:40 | Where Should We Stop? Choosing the Optimal Distal Anastomotic Zone. Alessandro Leone, Bologna.

13:40 - 13:50 | How Cold Is Cold Enough? Temperature Management During Arch Surgery. Piergiorgio Malvindi, Ancona.

13:50 - 14:00 | Arch Surgery in Marfan Syndrome: Lifetime Strategy Rather Than Single Operation? Luca Di Marco, Bologna.

14:00 - 14:30 | Discussion.

PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – ECMO

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

13.00-14.30

MODERATORS: **Deborah Castellani, Siena. Battisti, Roma.**

PANELISTS:

13:00-13:15 | Azienda lunch symposium ECMO. **TBD**

13:15-13:30 | Sicurezza nel trasporto del paziente in ECMO. **TBD**

13:30-13:45 | Sistema ECMO nella rimozione del trombo cavale. **Andrea Grottola, Roma.**

13:45-14:00 | ECMO in neurochirurgia. **Roberto Miceli, Siena.**

14:00-14:30 | Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: DIFFICULT CHOICES

ROOM: MERCURIO

13.00-14.30

MODERATORS: **Emanuela Angeli, Bologna. Vladimiro Vida, Padova** .

13:00–13:15 | Trattamento della valvola mitrale nell'ALCAPA: il rischio ne vale la pena?

Lorenzo Galletti, Roma.

13:15–13:30 | Atresia polmonare senza VSD: tra radicalità chirurgica e strategia prudente a lungo termine. **Giovanni Battista Luciani, Verona.**

13:30–13:45 | Approcci di imaging avanzato nella valutazione delle anomalie coronariche complesse **Mauro, Lo Rito.**

13:45–14:00 | Valutazione dei risultati nelle cardiopatie complesse: utilità dei performance rounds nel panorama italiano. **Barberi, Massa.**

14:00 –14:15 | Discussione generale.

MEETING THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERS: EMILE A. BACHA no

ROOM: GIOVE

14.30-15.00

MODERATORS: Michele Pilato, Palermo, Lorenzo Galletti, Roma. Vladimiro Vida, Padova.

SPEAKER: Emile A. Bacha (NY)

14.30–15:00 | Decision-Making in Congenital Heart Surgery: Balancing Innovation, Timing and Outcomes.

ENHANCED RECOVERY AFTER SURGERY, THE ITALIAN PROJECT

(Joint Session with ITACTAIC)

ROOM: GIOVE

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: **Gianluca Paternoster, Potenza. Michele Pilato, Palermo.**

ERAS TASKFORCE: **Giorgia Bonalumi, Milano. Giuseppe Punta, Torino. Antonio Capo, Cuneo. Matteo Parrinello, Bergamo. Pier Giorgio Malvindi, Ancona.**

15:00 - 15:10 | Aims of the Session. Paradigm Change in Perioperative Care: Socio-Cultural and Organizational Transition from Clinical Fragmentation to Integrated Multidisciplinary Care. **Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze.**

15:10 - 15:20 | Preoperative Optimization and Active Patient Prehabilitation. **Luca Paolo Weltert, Cosenza.**

15:20 - 15:30 | Intraoperative Strategies – Organ Protection and Barrier Interventions. **TBD (Bevilacqua or Munch/ Fabio Guarracino, Chieti)**

15:30 - 15:40 | Postoperative Management: Enhanced Recovery and Complication Mitigation. **Simona Silvetti, Genova.**

15:40 - 16:00 | Round Table and Panel Discussion. Focus: Overcoming barriers to ERAS protocol implementation: addressing clinical inertia, cultural resistance, and balancing initial investment costs with overall healthcare system savings.

16:00 - 16:10 | Official Presentation and Approval of the Joint Consensus Document: Italian ERAS Guidelines in Cardiac Surgery – Italy. **Luca Paolo Weltert, Cosenza. Simona Silvetti, Genova.**

16:10 - 16:30 | SPONSOR SPEECH: MEDTRONIC

BEYOND SUPPORT: ADVANCED MANAGEMENT OF VAD COMPLICATIONS

ROOM: GIOVE

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: **Sofia Martin-Suarez, Bologna. Sandro Sponga, Siena.**

PANELISTS: **Claudio Marra, Napoli. Attilio Iacovoni, Bergamo.**

15.00-15.15 | Management della valvulopatia aortica. **Luca Botta, Bologna.**

15.15-15.30 | Valutazione, ottimizzazione e supporto del ventricolo destro. **Gianpaolo Luzi, Roma.**

15.30-15.45 | Management ambulatoriale delle complicanze emodinamiche. **Gallone, cardiologia Torino.**

15.45-16.00 | Gestione delle infezioni legate al VAD. **Sergio Sciacca, Palermo.**

16.00-16.15 | Management della coagulazione in casi complessi. **Auci, Anestesista Udine.**

16.00-16.15 | Weaning: realtà o leggenda? **Antonio Loforte, Torino.**

16.15-16.30 | Discussion.

GIROC – BEST ABTRACTS PRESENTATION

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: Luca Di Marco, Bologna. Francesco Pollari, Germania.

PANELISTS: Alessandra Francica, Verona. Veronica D'Oria, Napoli.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: LONG-TERM ISSUES

ROOM: MERCURIO

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: **Gabriele Scalzo, Bari** . **Alessandro Varrica, Policlinico Milano** .

15:00–15:15 | Valvola atrioventricolare nel canale AV: quali opzioni quando la riparazione non basta? . **Stefano Marianeschi, Milano.**

15:15–15:30 | Riparazione della valvola aortica nel paziente pediatrico: risultati duraturi o ponte verso il reintervento? **Carlo Pace Napoleone, Torino.**

15:30–15:45 | Dilatazione della neoaorta dopo switch arterioso: quando intervenire e come? **Guido Michielon, Genova.**

15.45–16:00 | Dalla Fontan conversion alla Redo-Fontan: evoluzione di una strategia chirurgica. **Alessandro Giamberti, San Donato M.se.**

16:00–16:15 | Reinterventi nelle cardiopatie congenite: timing e pianificazione per ridurre il rischio chirurgico . **Massimo Padalino, Bari.**

16:15–16:30 | Discussione generale.

EXIBITION AREA – POSTER CORNER

ROOM: EXIBITION AREA

16.30-17.00

MONSTER CASES

ROOM: GIOVE

17.00-18.30

MODERATOR: **Francesco Onorati, Trento. Enzo Mazzaro, Trieste.**

ROUND TABLE: **Francesco Santini, Genova. Domenico Mangino, Mestre. Stefano Pelenghi, Pavia. Andrea Garatti, Milano. Loris Salvador, Vicenza.**

17:00 - 17:10 | Mega aortic syndrome in chronic type B aortic dissection: FET with a customized hybrid device for a multi-stage personalized solution. **Andrea Agostinelli, Parma.**

17:10 - 17:20 | Discussion.

17:20 - 17:30 | Reversed Thoraflex Hybrid Graft fore REDO thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysm. **Igor Vendramin, Udine.**

17:30 - 17:40 | Discussion.

17:40 - 17:50 | FET takedown with or without left thoracotomy: two paradigmatic cases. **Stefano Benussi, Brescia.**

17:50 - 18:00 | Discussion.

18:00 - 18:10 | Complex re-redo Surgery in Marfan patient with bilateral coronary button and aortic arch aneurysms associated with severe mitral regurgitation. When re-entry becomes the Challenge. **Costanza Fiaschini, Bologna.**

18:10 - 18:20 | Discussion.

18:20 – 18.30 | Final remarks

Focus | HOW TO WRITE A PAPER (SICCH YOUNG & GIROC)

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: Vittoria Lodo, Torino. Francesco Pollari, Erlangen. Gianpiero Buttiglione, Teramo. Antonio Nenna, Milano.

17:00-17:10 | Introduction and Objectives of the Session.

17:10-17:20 | How to Write the Introduction Section of a Scientific Manuscript. **Giuseppe Santarpino, Lecce.**

17:20-17:30 | Writing the Methods Section: Study Design and Methodology. **Ilaria Franzese, Verona.**

17:30-17:40 | Writing the Statistical Methods Section. **Ilaria Giambuzzi, Monza.**

17:40-17:50 | Presenting and Reporting Results Effectively. **Antonio Salsano, Genova.**

17:50-18:00 | Crafting a Strong Discussion Section. **Tea Lena, Padova.**

18:00-18:30 | How to Address Peer-Review Comments: Interactive Round Table.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: COMPLEX SCENARIOS

ROOM: MERCURIO

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: **Gianluigi Perri, Roma. Davide Calvaruso, Palermo.**

17:00 – 17:15 | Caso 1: Un caso di stenosi valvolare aortica critica: quando operare subito e quando scegliere una stabilizzazione iniziale. **Gianluca Brancaccio, Roma.**

17:15 – 17:30 | Caso 2: Un caso di coartazione aortica con arco ipoplasico borderline: quanto pesa la prima decisione chirurgica sulla storia del paziente. **Stiljan Hoxha, Verona.**

17:30 – 17:45 | Caso 3: Un caso di trapianto cardiaco in paziente con cardiopatia congenita: come valutare la soglia della trapiantabilità quando le indicazioni sono al limite. **Lucio Careddu, Bologna.**

17:45 – 18:00 | Caso 4: Un caso di atresia polmonare a setto integro: quali elementi guidano realmente la strategia terapeutica? **Vitali Pak, Massa.**

18:00 – 18:15 | Caso 5: Un caso con decisioni difficili: il confine della chirurgia quando appropriatezza ed etica limitano il trattamento. **Francesco Arlati , Milano.**

18:15 – 18:30 | Discussione generale.

HAPPY HOUR (SPONSORED BY TERUMO)

ROOM: GIOVE

18.30-19.30

MODERATORS: TBD

DAY 2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2026

AORTA SURGERY: HOT QUESTIONS

ROOM: GIOVE

8.00-09.30

MODERATORS: Davide Pacini, Bologna. Marco Di Eusanio, Ancona.

PANELISTS: Filippo Santarelli, Teramo. Emanuele Pilato, Napoli.

8:00 - 8:10 | Recent advancements in surgery for aortic dissection type A: how to tackle malperfusion at presentation. **Augusto D'Onofrio, Roma.**

8:10 - 8:20 | Aortic arch surgery today: expanding the concept of lifetime management into aortic surgery. **Luca Di Marco, Bologna.**

8:20 - 8:30 | Left Subclavian Artery Management Strategies in Aortic Arch Hybrid Treatment. **Alessandro Della Corte, Napoli.**

8:30 – 8:40 | The Ross Operation option in redo aortic root surgery. **Domenico Paparella, Foggia.**

8:40 - 8:50 | The EACTS Expert Consensus Document on aortic valve repair and valve-sparing aortic root replacement procedures. **Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.**

8:50 - 9:10 | Round Table and Panel Discussion. Focus: How much evidence data we have and how much more we need in the field of proximal aorta surgery (root, ascending, arch)?

9:10 - 9:30 | Sponsor Presentation: EDWARDS LIFESCIENCE (KONECT)

HOW IS A CARDIAC SURGEON TRAINED IN THE MODERN ERA? CURRENT STATE OF THE ART AND FUTURE PROPOSALS

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

08.00-09.30

MODERATORS: Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze. Alessandro Parolari, Milano. Giovanni Battista Luciani, Verona.

08:00-08:10 | Introduction. **Prof. Massimo Miscusi & Prof. Marisa De Feo**

08:10-08:20 | The History of Specialistic Training in Cardiac Surgery in Italy. **Claudio Muneretto, Brescia.**

08:20-08:30. New Proposals for Changes to Minimum Standards and Requirements. **Fabio Miraldi, Roma.**

08:30-08:40 | Does Gender Inequality Still Exist in Specialist Training in Cardiac Surgery? **Marisa De Feo, Napoli.**

08:40-08:50 | What Are the Differences Between Cardiac Surgery Training in Italy and in Other Countries? TBD (**Chiara Nocera, Bologna**)

08:50-09:30 | **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Moderators: Massimo Miscusi, Gino Gerosa, Davide Pacini, Francesco Santini, Ruggero De Paulis, Pasquale Mastroroberto

Discussants: Umberto Benedetto, Massimo Chello, Andrea D'Armini, Marco Di Eusanio, Khalil Fattouch, Gabriele Di Gianmarco, Ernesto Greco, Francesco Maisano, Massimo Massetti, Giovanni Melina, Francesco Nicolini, Francesco Onorati, Emanuele Pilato, Domenico Paparella, Calogera Pisano, Gianluca Polvani, Vincenzo Tarzia, M. Torella, Igor Vendramin, Vladimiro Vida.

Residents from Italian Cardiac Surgery Training Schools

(Interactive discussion between faculty members and attending residents)

Luca Savino, Chiara Nocera, Anna Segala, Antonietta La Montagna, Valentina Scalzo, Rudi Panzera, Paolo Ballestracci, Claudia Forte, Nour Maryam Shoberi, Francesco Porcedda, Raffaele Esposito, Concetta Calanni Macchio, Marika Stevan, Alberto Campailla, Eraldo Kushta, Chiara Manifesta, Simone D'Alessio, Simone Amicizia, Rebecca De Luca, Chiara Ferrisi, Giulia Agostini, Stefano Copetti, Francesco Ezech, Fabiola Perrone.

PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – DONAZIONE, TRAPIANTO E PERFUSIONE D'ORGANO

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

08.00-09.30

MODERATORS: Sandro Nalan

PANELISTS: TBD

8:00 - 8:15 | Trapianto di polmone (EVLP, OCS, ECMO Intra e post op). **Federica Zanzico, Bologna.**

8:15 - 8:30 | Perfusion e epatica. **Sara Semplice, Pisa.**

8:30 - 8:45 | NRP e perfusione d'organo. **VM Antonini, Padova.**

8:45 – 9:00 | Donazione a cuore fermo con prelievo cardiaco mediante ECMO: gestione tecnico-organizzativa e ruolo del TFCPC. **TBD (Bologna)**

9:00 - 9:30 | Round Table and Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: COMPLEX HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT

ROOM: MERCURIO

08.00-09.30

MODERATORS: **Massimo Padalino, Bari. Gianluca Brancaccio, Roma** .

8:00–8:15 | Insufficienza cardiaca nel ventricolo sistemico destro: quando anticipare la chirurgia prima del declino irreversibile. **Carlo Pace Napoleone, Torino.**

8:15–8:30 | Anomalia di Ebstein: quando il ventricolo destro condiziona la funzione del sinistro. **Alessandro Giamberti, San Donato M.se.**

8:30–8:45 | Disfunzione del ventricolo sinistro nelle miocarditi pediatriche: riconoscimento precoce e implicazioni chirurgiche. **Francesco Seddio, Bergamo.**

8:45–09:00 | Circolazione di Fontan: equilibrio instabile tra compenso e progressione del danno d'organo. **Gabriele Egidy Assenza, Bologna.**

9:00–9:15 | Supporto meccanico nella circolazione di Fontan: indicazioni, strategie e limiti. **Sergio Filippelli, Napoli** .

9:15–09:30 | Discussione generale.

AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT 2.0: FROM A LIFESAVING PROCEDURE TO LIFE INSURANCE

ROOM: GIOVE

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: Francesco Nicolini, Parma. Giovanni Melina, Roma. Salvatore Lentini, Catania.

PANELISTS: Calogera Pisano, Palermo. Giovanni Casali, Novara. Antonino Rubino, Catania.

9.30 – 9.40 | Aortic valve replacement for patients below 65 year-old: mechanical or biological substitutes. **Giuseppe Serraino, Catanzaro.**

9.40 – 9.50 | Replacement without Prosthesis: long term results of the Ozaki technique. **Alberto Albertini, Reggio Emilia.**

9.50 – 10.00 | AVR with stented prostheses through ministernotomy: how we do it. **F. Rapetto, Genova.**

10.00 – 10.10 | AVR with sutureless through right mini-thoracotomy: how we do it. **Antonio Miceli, Milano.**

10.10 – 10.20 | Trans-axillary AVR with rapid-deployment prostheses. **Carlo Zingaro, Ancona.**

10.20 – 10.30 | The crusade against patient prosthesis mismatch: Traditional techniques of aortic annular enlargement: Nicks, Nunez, Manouguian, or Konno? **Fabio Miraldi, Roma.**

10.30 – 10.45 | The crusade against patient prosthesis mismatch: Modern techniques of aortic annular enlargement: Yang technique and beyond. **Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.**

10.40 – 10.45 | Discussion.

10.45 – 11.00 | SPONSORED SPEECH (EDWARDS)

ABSTRACTS

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: Carlo Savini, Cotignola. Francesco Formica, Lecce.

PANELISTS: Gabriele Giunti, Potenza. Vinicio Fiorani, Modena.

PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: **Debora Castellani, Siena.**

PANELISTS: **TBD**

9.30 – 9.50 | Attualità della Figura del TFCPC. **Debora Castellani, Siena.**

9.50 – 10.10 | Rischio clinico e tecniche di fisiopatologia cardiocircolatoria. **TBD**

10.10 – 10.30 | Responsabilità professionale e approccio multidisciplinare. **Avvocato Carlo Piccoli**

10.30 – 11.00 | Discussione

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: ABSTRACTS

ROOM: MERCURIO

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: Alvise Guariento, Padova. Francesco Arlati, Milano .

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

ROOM: GIOVE

11.00-13.00

MODERATORS: Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Fabio Barili, Milano. Michele Di Mauro, Foggia. Giorgia Bonalumi, Milano.

11:00–11:30 | GUEST LECTURE. Vinay Badhwar, US.

11:30–12:00 | PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. Michele Pilato, Palermo.

12:00-12:20 | SICCH AWARDS.

12:20-13:00 | DATASICCH. The new National database of SICCH. Giovanni Baglio, Roma. Fabio Barili, Milano. Domenico Paparella, Foggia.

LUNCH SESSION – Sponsored by Johnson&Johnson

ROOM: GIOVE

13.00-14.00

MODERATORS: TBD

PANELISTS: TBD

PROGRAM: TBD

HEART FAILURE

ROOM: GIOVE

14.00-17.00

SHORT-TERM MECHANICAL CIRCULATORY SUPPORT: INDICATION, MANAGEMENT, AND OUTCOMES. (Joint Session SICCH-SITO-ANMCO-SIAARTI)

MODERATORS: **Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Mariano Feccia, Roma. Massimo Grimaldi, Bari. Elena Bignami, Parma.**

PANELISTS: **Luca Botta, Bologna. Attilio Iacovoni, Bergamo. Carlo Pellegrini, Pavia. Antonio Lio, Roma.**

14.00-14.15 | t-MCS: the right device for the right patient, at the right time. **Antonino Loforte, Torino.**

14.15-14.30 | The Shock Team in Cardiogenic Shock: Optimizing Timing, Strategy, and Outcomes. **TBD**

14.30-14.45 | Beyond Hemodynamic Support: Optimizing Clinical Status During t-MCS. **TBD**
(Ferdinando Lorini, Bergamo o anestesista S. Camillo Roma)

14.45-15.00 | Optimizing Hemodynamics in t-MCS: When to Escalate, When to De-escalate. **Vincenzo Tarzia, Padova.**

15.00-15.15 | Post-Cardiotomy Shock: The Art of Management and the Science of Exit Strategies. **Giorgia Cibir, Trento.**

15.15-15.30 | Defining the Exit Strategy when t-MCS Fails: Timing the Transition to Durable Support or Heart Transplantation. **Claudio Francesco Russo, Milano.**

15.30-16.00 | Discussion.

TOWARDS A NATIONAL CONSENSUS: BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FROM EVIDENCE TO PRACTICE. (Joint Session SICCH-SITO-CNT)

MODERATORS: **Michele Pilato, Palermo. Giuseppe Feltrin, Roma. Vincenzo Tarzia, Padova.**

PANELISTS: **Sandro Sponga, Siena. Claudio Marra, Napoli. Mariano Feccia, Roma.**

16.00-16.10 | The Evolving Landscape of Heart Transplantation in Italy (CNT). **Alessandra Oliveti, Roma.**

16.10-16.25 | Heart Transplantation: Preservation, Transport, and Implantation—Balancing Innovation and Appropriateness. **Igor Vendramin, Udine.**

16.25-16.35 | Current practice in Heart Transplantation: an Italian survey. **Andrea Lechiancole, Udine.**

16.35-16.50 | Standardizing Surgical Practice in Heart Transplantation: The Italian National Consensus. **Massimo Boffini, Torino.**

16.50-17.00 | Discussion.

“A LIFETIME JOURNEY: VALVULAR HEART DISEASE IN WOMEN FROM ADOLESCENCE TO MOTHERHOOD AND BEYOND”. AIDOCCH SCIENTIFIC SESSION

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

14.00-15.30

MODERATORS: Marisa de Feo, Napoli. Emanuela Angeli, Bologna.

PANELISTS: Cinzia Trumello, Milano. Calogera Pisano, Palermo. Martin Suarez, Bologna. Valentina Grazioli, Vicenza. Natalia Pavone. Carlotta Brega, Cotignola. Francesca Chiaramonti.

14.00-14.05 | Welcome & Introduction. Why Lifetime Management Matters in Women with Valvular Heart Disease. **Marisa de Feo, Napoli and Manuela Angeli, Bologna.**

14.05-14.15 | Growing Up with a Valve: From Congenital Heart Disease to Adulthood. **Gabriele Egidy Assenza**

14.15-14.25 | Mitral Valve Repair: Why Repair Matters Even More in Young Women. **Suad El Qarra, Parma.**

14.25-14.35 | Aortic Valve Disease in Young Women: Repair, Ross or Replacement? **Giovanni Battista Luciani, Verona.**

14.35-14.45 | Lifetime Planning for Reoperations. **Augusto D’Onofrio, Roma.**

14.45-14.55 | Pregnancy and Valvular Heart Disease. **TBD (Cardio-Obstetrics Specialist)**

14.55-15.05 | Transcatheter Therapies Across a Woman’s Lifetime. **TBD.**

15.05-15.30 | **Heart Team Case Discussion. “The Lifetime Journey”**

Clinical Case 1. 20-year-old woman with congenital valvular heart disease planning future pregnancy.

Clinical Case 2. 32-year-old woman with severe degenerative mitral regurgitation wishing to conceive.

Clinical Case 3. 42-year-old woman with a failing bioprosthetic valve requiring reintervention.

NURSING CHAPTER – NURSING EXPERTISE AND INNOVATION IN CARDIAC SURGERY

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

14.00-15.30

MODERATORS: Federica Ceccotti, Jessica Elegante

14.00-14.10 | Apertura della sessione. **Claudio Buttarelli**, Presidente AICO.

14.10-14.30 | Digitalizzazione della pianificazione infermieristica. **Luca Fialdini**

14.30-14.50 | Relazione Abstract

14.50-15.10 | Relazione Abstract

15.10 – 15:30 | Discussione.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: REAL INNOVATIONS

ROOM: MERCURIO

14.00-15.30

MODERATORS: **Nicola Uricchio, Bergamo. Maria Teresa Cascarano, Torino.**

14:00–14:15 | Pianificazione chirurgica con imaging multimodale: utilità reale nella pratica clinica. **Secinaro, Roma.**

14:15–14:30 | Chirurgia endoscopica nelle cardiopatie congenite: indicazioni attuali e limiti reali. **Bianchi, Massa.**

14:30–14:45 | Il paziente adulto con cardiopatia congenita del prossimo futuro: nuovi bisogni e implicazioni per la cardiochirurgia **Giancarlo Scognamiglio, Napoli.**

14:45–15:00 | C'è ancora spazio per il giudizio clinico nell'era dell'intelligenza artificiale e dei modelli predittivi? **Domenico Sirico, Bergamo** .

15:00–15:15 | Ingegneria tissutale e scaffold bio-assorbibili nelle cardiopatie congenite: siamo pronti per la pratica clinica? **Calore, Padova.**

15:15–15:30 | Discussione generale.

THE OUTBREAK OF ENDOCARDITIS

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

15.30-17.00

MODERATORS: **Francesco Santini, Genova. Francesco Onorati, Trento.**

PANELISTS: **Maurizio Roberto, Cuneo. Fabrizio Sansone, Lecco. Marco Pano, Lecce.**

15.30-15.40 | Prosthetic endocarditis: a rising problem in modern cardiac surgery. **Antonio Salsano, Genova.**

15.40-15.50 | Comparative characteristics of endocarditis in surgical and transcatheter bioprosthetic valves: find the differences. **Fabio Barili, Milano.**

15.50-16.00 | Epidemiology of prosthetic and native endocarditis in 2026: the infectious disease specialist point of view. **Elena Carrara, Verona.**

16.00-16.10 | Right-sided Infective Endocarditis in Intravenous Drug Users and in Cardiac implantable electronic devices: Indications, Timing, and Procedure Selection. **Andrea Colli, Pisa.**

16.10-16.20 | Aortic vascular grafts, TEVAR and FET endocarditis: what to do now? **Francesco Massi, Teramo.**

16.20-16.30 | A New Score for predicting outcome of surgical treatment for valve IE: SYN-ENDOSCORE. **Sandro Gelsomino, Maastricht.**

16.30-17.00 | Discussion.

NURSING CHAPTER – CLINICAL PATHWAYS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT IN CARDIAC SURGERY

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

15.30-17.00

MODERATORS: Antonella Malfatto, Laura Zaghis

15.30-15.50 | Abstract presentation. **TBD**

15.50-16.10 | Abstract presentation. **TBD**

16.10-16.30 | Abstract presentation. **TBD**

16.30-16.50 | Abstract presentation. **TBD**

16.50-17.00 | Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: ABSTRACTS

ROOM: MERCURIO

15.30-17.00

MODERATORS: Stefano Marianeschi, Milano. Gaia Viganò, Massa.

FOCUS – 2025-2026 UPDATES ON VHD GUIDELINES (AGENAS/ANMCO/SIC/ITACTAIC/GISE)

ROOM: GIOVE

17.00-19.30

MODERATOR: Giovanni Baglio, Roma. Mauro Rinaldi, Torino.

ROUND TABLE: Alfredo Marchese, Bari. Massimo Grimaldi, Bari. Fabio Barili, Milano. Michele Pilato, Palermo. Gianfranco Sinagra, Trieste. Marco Ranucci, Milano. Elena Bignami, Parma. Gianluca Paternoster, Potenza. Simona Silvetti, Genova.

17.00-17.10 What it is new in the 2025 ESC/EACTS Guidelines. **Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.**

Black or white? The diatribe of the age downgrading for the treatment of aortic stenosis.

17.10-17.20 The 2025 ESC/EACTS guidelines are balanced. **Alfredo Marchese, Bari.**

17.20-17.30 The 2025 ESC/EACTS guidelines are not based on evidence. **Paolo Centofanti, Torino.**

17.30-17.50 Round table.

Gaps in evidence on Mitral and Tricuspid disease.

17.50-18.00 Guidelines vs daily clinical practice. **Francesco Onorati, Trento.**

18.00-18.10 Round Table. Pushing the boundaries of TEER, is it always appropriate?

18.10-18.30 **Round Table on the Consensus document on HEART TEAM of AGENAS / SICCH / ANMCO / GISE / SIC / ITACTAIC.**

18.30 – 19.30 | HAPPY HOUR – SPONSORED BY EDWARDS

TBD

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: **Vinay Badhwar, US. Domenico Paparella, Foggia.**

PANELISTS: **Mattia Glauber, Milano. Emiliano Navarra, Roma.**

Robotic Cardiac Surgery 2.0

17:00-17:10 | Robotic aortic valve surgery: where do we stand and how does it compare with TAVI in 2026? Outcomes, patient selection and future perspectives. **Vinay Badhwar, US.**

17:10-17:20 | Robotic Mitral Valve Surgery in Europe: Clinical Outcomes, Learning Curve, and Future Perspectives for Multicenter Development. **Alfonso Agnino, Bergamo.**

17:20-17:30 | Robot-Assisted Coronary Surgery in Italy: Current Indications, Patient Selection, and Mid-Term Outcomes. **Umberto Benedetto, Chieti.**

17:30-17:40 | Debate. "TECAB and Robotic CABG: Yes or No?" **Fabrizio Rosati, Brescia.**

Atrial fibrillation and left appendage

17:40-17:50 | Left appendage exclusion. When and how to do it. **Gianluca Polvani, Milano.**

17:50-18:00 | Endocardial vs. Epicardial Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation: Mechanistic Differences, Clinical Outcomes, and Patient Selection — The Electrophysiologist's Perspective. **Danilo Ricciardi, Roma.**

18:00-18:10 | Percutaneous vs surgical left appendage exclusion in lone atrial fibrillation.

Massimiliano Marini, Trento. (cardiologo)

18:10-18:20 | Surgical Ablation for Stand-Alone Atrial Fibrillation: Different Ablation Patterns and the Role of Atrial Debulking. **Stefano Benussi, Brescia.**

18:20-18:30 | Round Table. Case-based discussion. **Stefano Benussi, Brescia.**

Case 1. Long-Standing Persistent Atrial Fibrillation Associated with Mitral Valve Disease: Surgical and Electrophysiological Perspectives

Case 2. Concomitant Atrial Fibrillation in Patients Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG): Should Surgical Ablation Be Performed?

**NURSING CHAPTER – CARDIAC SURGERY AND EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING:
NEW PERSPECTIVES IN PATIENT CARE**

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: Marta Pastorelli, Silvio Simeoni.

17:00-17:20 | Limes infermieristico: Carenza Strutturale, Task Shifting e tutela della professione in Cardiochirurgia. **Elisabetta Zingarini.**

17:20-17:40 | Abstract presentation. **TBD**

17:40-18.00 | Abstract presentation. **TBD**

18.00-18.20 | Abstract presentation. **TBD**

18.20-18.30 | Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: ABSTRACTS

ROOM: MERCURIO

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: **Giovanni Battista Luciani, Verona. Guido Michielon, Genova** .

17:00–17:15 | Rete nazionale di trapianto cardiaco nel paziente congenito adulto: gestione delle liste d’attesa e allocazione degli organi. **Emanuela Angeli, Bologna.**

17:15–17:30 | Transizione dal pediatrico all’adulto: continuità assistenziale e criticità organizzative. **Di Salvo, Padova.**

17:30 –17:45 | Modello GUCH strutturato: organizzazione, volumi e presa in carico a lungo termine. **Chessa, San Donato M.se.**

17:45–18:00 | Certificazione del trattamento del paziente cardiopatico congenito adulto in Italia . **Alvise Guariento** .

18:00–18:30 | Discussione generale.

DAY 3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 2026

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF MIOCARDIAL REVASCULARIZATION

ROOM: GIOVE

08.30-10.30

MODERATORS: **Pasquale Fratto, Reggio Calabria. Enrico Coscioni, Salerno.**

PANELISTS: **Alan Galligani, Parma. Mario Passaro, Mercogliano. Filippo Prestipino, Napoli. Emiliano Maria Cirio, Cagliari.**

08:30-08:40 | What has changed after the release of the 2024 Guidelines of Myocardial revascularization? **Francesco Formica, Lecce.**

08:40-08:50 | The risk of competitive flow: do we routinely use FFR to guide the target vessels? **Gian Paolo Ussia, Roma.**

08:50-09:00 | Coronary patches for extensive CAD. **Giorgia Cibir, Trento.**

09:00-09:10 | OPCABG in 2026: when and how. **Fabrizio Sansone, Lecco.**

09:10 - 09:20 | Can MIDCAB lead the expansion of hybrid myocardial revascularization. **Claudio Muneretto, Brescia.**

09:20-09:30 | Patient selection and “tips and tricks” for MIDCAB. **Marco Contini, Foggia.**

09:30-09:40 | MIDCAB: pros and cons. **Vito Margari, Bari.**

09:40-09:50 | The Heart Team for coronary revascularization: the Lombardy project. **Germano Di Credico, Legnano.**

09:50-10:05 | Myocardial and endotelial protection. **Antonio Maria Calafiore.**

10:05-10:30 | Discussion.

ABSTRACT - RAPID FIRE

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

08.30-10.30

MODERATORS: Giuseppe Raffa, Palermo. Valentina Grazioli, Vicenza.

PANELISTS: Manfredo Rambaldini, Mantova. Vitantonio Fanelli, Taranto.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: MEETING OF THE CONGENITAL DOMAIN

ROOM: MERCURIO

09.00-10.30

MODERATORS: Vladimiro Vida, Padova.

ASSEMBLEA DEI SOCI – ELEZIONI CONSIGLIO DIRETTIVO

ROOM: GIOVE

10.30-11.30

MODERATORS: Michele Pilato, Palermo. Michele Di Mauro, Foggia. Fabio Barili, Milano.

ACHD SESSION – CONGENITAL AND ADULT CARDIAC SURGERY

ROOM: GIOVE

11.30-13.00

Moderatori: Emanuela Angeli, Bologna. Domenico Paparella, Foggia. Lorenzo Galletti, Roma.

11:30 – 11:45 | Intervento di Ross nel giovane adulto: rinforzo o non rinforzo dell'autograft.
Vladimiro Vida, Padova.

11:45 – 12:00 | Valve sparing e root remodeling nel paziente congenito adulto: soluzioni alternative all'intervento di Ross. **Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.**

12:00 – 12:15 | Endocardite della valvola aortica nel paziente congenito adulto: tecniche di cardiocirurgia acquisita applicate ad anatomie complesse. **Davide Pacini, Bologna.**

12:15 – 12:30 | Reinterventi dopo procedure di Ross: opzioni chirurgiche e pianificazione del rischio. **Alessandro Giamberti, San Donato M.se.**

12:30 – 12:45 | Trattamento percutaneo della valvola aortica nel paziente adulto congenito ad alto rischio chirurgico. **Mauro Rinaldi, Torino.**

12:45–13:00 – Discussione generale

ABSTRACT -

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

11.30-13.00

MODERATORS: Marco Pagliaro, Bologna. Brenno Fiorani, Avellino.

PANELISTS: Andrea Musazzi, Varese. TBD